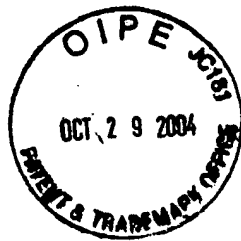


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Quana M. Grainger
Takehiko SUZUKI, et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 09/597,210
Application No.: 09/597,210)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 5981
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	October 29, 2004
WITH A CHANGEABLE	:	
TRANSFER BIAS FOR)	
TRANSFERRING A TONER PATCH :	:	
IMAGE (AS AMENDED))	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.